



## n:vestigation: Exploring prayer

### Explore It!

Share this story as an introduction. Things have been very different for Gabby and Barney for the last few weeks. Normally they spend a lot of time together at school and at each other's houses, but school has closed, they can't go out to the park or shops and both of them are staying at home with their families so that everyone is safe from the germs. Gabby really misses Barney and even though they're sometimes allowed to talk on the phone, it's not the same as playing together in the park. Who can we talk to, no matter what's happening? Let's n:vestigate...

### Dig Deep!

Share from a children's Bible the passage from 1 Thessalonians Ch.5:16-18 or look it up using [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). Explain how a person called Paul was helping other followers of Jesus by reminding them that they could talk to God at any time – He would always be there for them.

Encourage your child to join in with this missing word song called *Prayer is Like a Telephone* on YouTube at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

### Zoom In!

Decorate a cardboard box to create a Chatterbox character. While some music is playing, pass around the Chatterbox with your family. When the music stops, the person holding the Chatterbox is to share who they like to talk to and what they talk to them about.

Share with your child how prayer is the word that Christians use to describe talking with God. Share how they believe that they can talk to God at any time and in any place – He's always there and always listens.



### Get Mucky!

To help your child remember they can pray at any time, encourage them to make a giant mobile phone out of a tissue box. Keep a slot in the box, so your child can write or draw their own prayers which can then be posted through this.

### Jump Up!

Play the game Simon Says with your child. Use this to illustrate how when talking with someone, listening well is just as important as speaking.

### Connect

Encourage your child to create a giant mobile phone prayer box which can then be used by their n:vestigate/GB group, wider church and community to place prayer requests in once back to regular meetings.